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SUBJECT: FRG BUNDESWEHR REORGANIZATION

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1. FMOD SOURCES TOLD US MAY 3 THAT THE DEFENSE MINISTRY STUDY GROUP REVIEWING THE FORCE STRUCTURE COMMISSION PROPOSALS FOR REORGANIZING THE BUNDESWEHR COMPLETED ITS WORK A FEW DAYS AGO AND FORWARDED A SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MINISTER. MINISTER LEBER IS EXPECTED TO REVIEW THE PROPOSALS BY THE END OF THIS MONTH AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER FORWARD THEM TO THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL FOR FEDERAL APPROVAL AND TO THE DPC, MC AND SHAPE TO BEGIN ALLIED CONSULTATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MINISTRY IS ALSO STUDYING THE USEFULNESS OF INITIATING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UK AND US, WHICH WOULD PROCEED IN STEP WITH THE NATO CONSULTATION. OUR SOURCES SAID THAT THEY FORESAW LONG AND RATHER COMPLEX CONSULTATIONS. ONE CURRENT UNRESOLVED
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PROCEDURAL PROBLEM IS HOW FAR THE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE FORMALIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE FORWARDING THEM FOR FORMAL ALLIED CONSULTATIONS. UNDER NORMAL FRG PROCEDURES, THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL MUST AT SOME POINT APPROVE MAJOR DEFENSE POLICIES. THE FMOD IS AS YET UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE PROPOSALS WHICH LEBER EVENTUALLY APPROVES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL BEFORE OR AFTER ALLIED CONSULTATIONS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROPOSALS FORWARDED TO MINISTER LEBER ARE MORE ALONG THE LINES SET FORTH IN THE REFTEL (A) THAN THOSE IN THE ORIGINAL FORCE STRUCTURE COMMISSION REPORT (REFTEL B).

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